

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 05 2004

U.S. Appln. No. 09/736,934
Atty. Docket No. 00-5011

OFFICIAL

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ASHOK KUMAR ET AL.

Application No.: 09/736,934

Filed: December 14, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
EFFECTING INSIDE PLANT
LOAD BALANCING IN A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM

Examiner: Edward J. Bross

Group Art Unit: 2126

Customer No.: 32127

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 9.

MAY 05 2004

OFFICIAL

**Intellectual Property Law Group****Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc**

600 Hidden Ridge Drive

Irving, Texas 75038

MailCode HQE03H14

Phone: 972/718-4800

Fax: 972/718-3946

E mail:

christian.andersen@verizon.com

To: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office – From: Christian R. Andersen
Examiner: E. J. BROSS
Group Art Unit: 2126 Sr. Paralegal – Intellectual Property

Fax: 703-872-9306

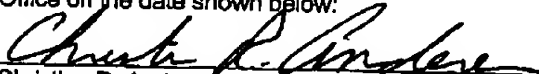
Pages
with 16
Cover:**FORMAL SUBMISSION OF:**

- 1) Transmittal Form; and 2) Amendment.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING INSIDE PLANT LOAD
BALANCING IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
Serial No. 09/736,934
Filing Date: December 14, 2000
First Named Inventor: Ashok KUMAR
Atty. No. 00-5011

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the above-referenced documents are facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:


Christian R. Andersen

Date of Transmission: May 5, 2004

In re Application of:

Docket No. 00-5011

ASHOK KUMAR ET AL.

Customer No.: 32127

Application No: 09/736,934

Examiner: Edward J. Bross

Filed: December 14, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2126

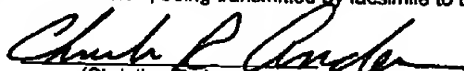
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING
INSIDE PLANT LOAD BALANCING IN A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent Office at 703-872-9314.

Dated: May 6, 2004

Signature:


(Christian R. Andersen)

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 20	MINUS 20	** 20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$-0-
INDEP.. CLAIMS	* 4	MINUS 3	*** 4	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$-0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145 ⁰ /\$290						\$-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$-0-

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 07-2347 to cover the fee for a ____ month extension.

☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 07-2339 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2347. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a ____ month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Wall
Reg. No. 25,648

Date: May 5, 2004

c/o Christian R. Andersen
VERIZON CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP, INC.
HQE03H14
600 Hidden Ridge Drive
Irving, TX 75038
(972) 718 - 4800